

# Southern Area Coordination Center Morning Report

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

10:00 a.m.

Southern Area  
Preparedness Level: 3

## Southern Area Current Situation

**National Preparedness Level: 2**

**Compact Status: All state compacts are closed.**

**Note: We now have monthly fire activity maps posted on our website under YTD and historical data on the intelligence page.**

**For fire potential and hurricane data please refer to the following links:**  
[7 day outlook](#) [National Hurricane Center](#)

### Initial Attack Activity\*

Southern Area reports 72 new fires for 449 acres in AR, FL, GA, KY, NC, OK and TN.

\* For specific information on fire activity (numbers of new wildland or prescribed fires and year-to-date totals by state/unit), please refer to the Southern Area [Summary](#) or [Detailed](#) Situation Reports.

### Incident Information (as reported via ICS-209s)

Large/significant incident<sup>1</sup> activity includes: (Newly reported fires are highlighted in blue; NR means not reported.)

Incident Name	Incident Number	Start Date	Size	% Ctn or MMA	IMT Assigned	Structures Destroyed to Date
<a href="#">Big Brush</a>	<a href="#">FL-FLS-2008-11-0969</a>	<a href="#">9/27/08</a>	<a href="#">291</a>	<a href="#">100</a>		
Old 15 <sup>th</sup>	TN-CNF-080013	8/21/08	1800	99	Monitor – NR since 8/28	

Old 15<sup>th</sup> – Monitor status unless activity increases.

### Prescribed Fire Activity

No prescribed burns reported.

### Remarks

AR-AOC - OK-WEA had two wildfires over the weekend. No precip in forecast, expecting increasing IA activity this week on Oklahoma BIA units. AR-OZF reported 1 wildfire for 1 acre over the weekend.

FL-FIC - EGLIN AFB - JACKSON GUARD - 1 WILDFIRE FOR 7 ACRES. CAUSED BY SOMEONE DISCARDING A HOT CIGARETTE

FL-FLS - New fires: 5; New acres: 4.9; Active fires: 6; Active acres: 324.5

GA-GAS - 9-15 to 9-22 48 Fires for 73 Acres 9-23 to 9-26 74 Fires for 130 Acres 9-27 27 Fires for 148 Acres - Largest fires Effingham Co. 80 Acres Bacon Co. 40 Acres 9/28 17 Fires for 17 Acres

GA-GIC - No fires reported for the Chattahoochee-Oconee NF.

KY-KIC - One fire was reported by the Stearns District on 9/28, and one by the London District on 9/29.

<sup>1</sup> Large incidents are defined as fires which are 100+ acres in timber or 300+ acres in grass/brush, or incidents with a Type 1 or 2 IMT assigned. Incidents with structures damaged or destroyed are also included, regardless of size.

## Resources \*

### Southern Area Resources Committed within the Southern Area

Provider Agency	Aircraft	Crews	Equipment	Overhead
BIA	0	0	1	15
DOL	0	0	0	0
BLM	0	1	0	1
DOD	0	0	0	0
FWS	0	0	61	9
NPS	0	0	3	1
States	0	0	14	176
USFS	4	3	41	142
Blank/Other	0	1	39	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>346</b>

### Total Southern Area Resources Committed to Other Geographic Areas

Provider Agency	Aircraft	Crews	Equipment	Overhead
BIA	0	0	0	0
BLM	0	0	0	0
DOL	0	0	0	0
FWS	0	0	0	1
NPS	0	0	0	4
NWS	0	0	0	0
STATE	0	0	0	0
USFS	0	0	0	3
Blank/Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>

### Total Southern Area Resources Committed (all Geographic Areas)


Provider Agency	Aircraft	Crews	Equipment	Overhead
BIA	0	0	1	15
BLM	0	1	0	1
DOD	0	0	0	0
FWS	0	0	61	10
NPS	0	0	3	5
States	0	0	14	176
USFS	4	3	41	145
Blank/Other	0	1	39	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>354</b>

### Total Southern Area and Other Geographic Area Resources Committed to SA

Provider Agency	Aircraft	Crews	Equipment	Overhead
AMD	0	0	0	0
BIA	0	0	1	15
BLM	0	1	0	5
DOD	0	0	0	0
FWS	0	0	62	11
NPS	0	0	3	3
NWS	0	0	0	0
States	0	0	14	178
USFS	4	5	41	166
Blank/Other	0	1	90	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>384</b>

\* The Resource Ordering Status System (ROSS) reflects the above number of resources currently committed; however, the numbers may be slightly off if resources have not been released properly. The Overhead column only reflects individual overhead positions, not the total number of personnel assigned.

TEAM & HOTSHOT CREW INFORMATION	
<b>Area Command Team</b> <i>Through 1709 MDT on 10/8/08</i>	Loach
<b>Incident Management Teams - National Rotation</b> <i>Through 2030 MDT on 10/1/08</i>	Southwest
<b>Interagency Buying Team - National Rotation</b> <i>Through 1601 MDT on 10/6/08</i>	Northern Rockies
<b>Southern Area Incident Management Teams:</b>	
Quesinberry (Type 1 - Blue)	Will be available 10/6/08
Ruggiero (Type 1 - Red)	Will be available 10/12/08
Wilder (Type 2)	Unavailable
Custer NIMO	Assigned to Hurricane Ike at Houston, TX
<b>Asheville Hotshots (Asheville, NC)</b>	Unavailable
<b>Augusta Hotshots (Augusta Springs, VA)</b>	Unavailable
<b>Cherokee Hotshots (Unicoi, TN)</b>	Returned from assignment - Unavailable
<b>Jackson Hotshots (Jackson, MS)</b>	Assigned to National Forest in Texas - Ike

 **Click for today's  
Southern Area Summary  
Situation Report**



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Southern Area Detailed  
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### Links to Burn Ban Information:

[Arkansas Burn Ban Map](#) [Oklahoma Burn Ban Map](#) [Texas Burn Ban Map](#)  
[Alabama Drought Info](#) [Mississippi Burn Bans](#) [Kentucky Burn Ban Map](#)

**Southern Area Predictive Services  
Daily Fire/All Hazards Weather Summary and Outlook**

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- Red Flag Warnings:** 25% to 30% LOW RH WARNINGS HAVE BEEN POSTED FOR TODAY FOR THE WESTERN FL PANHANDLE. WIND SPEEDS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN BELOW 10 MPH. LOW RH RED FLAG WEATHER WILL RETURN THURSDAY AND FRIDAY HERE FOLLOWING A COLD FRONTAL PASSAGE.
- Fire Weather Watches:** FIRE WATCHES FOR LOWER AFTERNOON RHS (LOW 30%*s*) ARE IN EFFECT ON WEDNESDAY FOR WESTERN COUNTIES OF THE FL PANHANDLE.
- Today's Overall Risk Assessment for Significant Management/Resource Activity:** PL3  
Average. Risks will be on the increase for the TN Valley and the Central South from mid week on as lower RH air filters into the South behind a cold front.
- Today's Weather/Fire/All Hazards Summary and Outlook:**  
Day 32 (KY) to 35 (Northern FL) of a widespread rain free and fuels drying weather pattern for the Central South. No significant change is seen as we move into October; a drier weather pattern is expected to persist.

For today, low pressure near South FL will continue to tap into tropical moisture streaming north from the Western Caribbean. This situation will allow scattered shower and thunderstorm activity to persist through the day producing 0.25" to 1"+ amounts of rain over much of the FL peninsula. Yesterday this feature dropped widespread 0.1" to 1"+ rain fall over the southern third of the state. In our West, cooler air from the "dry" cold front is already filtering into OK, AR, and TX. Rain free weather will persist through the week.

The main weather action of note today will be a cold front that will push into the Eastern Atlantic and Gulf Coast by this evening. While little rain is associated with this front, Virginian and the Carolinas will see some light showers before the front moves off the Coast by early Wednesday morning. Much colder temperatures and lower humidity will dominate the rest of our week's weather producing another cycle of RED FLAG/FIRE WATCH weather conditions. While this front produced some rain activity across KY yesterday and early this morning, rain amounts were generally light and will only serve to temporarily reduce ignition risks. Highs today will range from the 70s in the North Carolina and Virginia Mountains to the mid 90s in South Texas with lows tomorrow ranging from the 40s across KY to the low 90s over Southern TX.

**Next Significant Precipitation Period(s):** Better widespread rain potential appears now for the period 8-10 Oct for our Southeastern and Eastern states. Expect a pattern change during the month that will allow some very cold air to reach into the deep South which will highlight the coming month's tendency for below average temperatures..

5. **Atlantic/Caribbean Tropical Activity Summary:** Day 122 of the "official" 180 day tropical storm season.  
No significant activity.
6. **Weather for Existing Uncontained "Large" Fire Activity (>=100 acres):** None.
7. **Fire Behavior** – No Assessment Issued.
8. **Key Measures of Fire Danger/Fire Weather Conditions.**

**Click on links here for products:**

- a. [Days Since Significant Rain](#)
- b. [Southern Area ERC-G Graph](#), [Southern Area ERC Percentile Map](#)
- c. [10hr, 100hr, and 1000 hr Fuel Moistures](#)
- d. KBDI: [Southern Area Map](#), [Florida \(DOF Product\)](#), [Georgia \(DOF Product\)](#), [North Carolina \(DOF Product\)](#), [Texas \(DOF Product\)](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Louisiana](#)

9. **FIRE POTENTIAL OUTLOOKS and ASSESSMENTS:**

- a. [7 Day](#)
- b. [Current Month](#)
- c. [Seasonal](#) (Next Three Months).